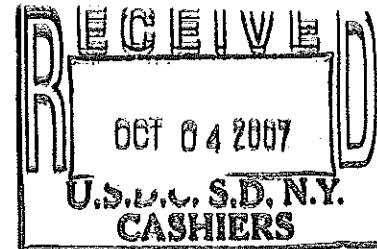


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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 NOVOSHIP (UK) LTD.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

SURAMERICANA DE TRANSPORTE  
 PETROLERO C.A.

Defendant.

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 '07 CIV 8627

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**VERIFIED COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff, NOVOSHIP (UK) LTD. (hereinafter "NOVOSHIP"), for its Verified Complaint against Defendant SURAMERICANA DE TRANSPORTE PETROLERO C.A. (hereinafter "SURAMERICANA"), alleges upon information and belief as follows:

1. This is an admiralty and maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in that it involves a claim for the breach of several maritime contracts. This case also falls under this Court's admiralty and maritime jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1333 and the Court's federal question jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331 in that the action arises under the New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, codified at 9 U.S.C. §201 *et seq.* and/or the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §1 *et seq.*

2. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff NOVOSHIP was and still is a foreign business entity duly organized and existing under the laws of a foreign country with an office and place of business at Watergate House, 13-15 York Buildings, London, WC2N 6JU, United Kingdom.

3. At all times material hereto, Defendant SURAMERICANA was and still is a foreign business entity duly organized and existing under the laws of a foreign country with an office and place of business at Avenida Francisco De Miranda, Edificio Parque Cristal, Torre Oeste Piso 2, Oficina 2-1, Los Palos, Granders, Caracas 1060, Venezuela.

4. On or about June 13, 2003 Defendant SURAMERICANA, as Owner of the M/T GENERAL ZAMORA, and Plaintiff NOVOSHIP, as manager, entered into a maritime contract of ship management for the management and operation of the M/T GENERAL ZAMORA. A true and correct copy of the management agreement is annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

5. On or about November 1, 2004 Defendant SURAMERICANA, as Owner of the M/T ALLORO, and Plaintiff NOVOSHIP, as manager, entered into a maritime contract of ship management for the management and operation of the M/T ALLORO. A true and correct copy of the management agreement is annexed hereto as Exhibit B.

6. On or about January 19, 2005 Defendant SURAMERICANA, as Owner of the M/T ALMIRANTE BRION, and Plaintiff NOVOSHIP, as manager, entered into a maritime contract of ship management for the management and operation of the M/T ALMIRANTE BRION. A true and correct copy of the management agreement is annexed hereto as Exhibit C.

7. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the above-mentioned management agreements, the Plaintiff NOVOSHIP provided the services to the Defendant described therein,

and procured as agent for the Defendant materials, supplies and services including crewing and repairs.

8. In exchange for these services, the Defendant SURAMERICANA was obliged to pay and/or reimburse NOVOSHIP punctually.

9. There is presently due and owing the sum of \$2,509,841.36 from Defendant SURAMERICANA which includes, *inter alia*, management fees, repair expenses, provisions, supplies and crewing expenses, all of which were rendered and/or procured by the Plaintiff NOVOSHIP in its capacity as manager and agent for the Defendant SURAMERICANA, respectively.

10. The subject contracts provide for the submission of any disputes to arbitration in London pursuant to English law, and the Plaintiff reserves its rights to arbitrate the substantive aspect of this matter in arbitration.

11. This action is brought to obtain jurisdiction over SURAMERICANA, to obtain security in favor of Plaintiff NOVOSHIP in respect to the sums due under the subject contracts and in aid of the London proceedings.

12. Under English law, costs including attorney fees, disbursements and interest are recoverable as part of Plaintiff's claim.

13. This action is further brought to obtain security for Plaintiff's anticipated attorney fees and costs in the London proceedings and interest, all of which are recoverable as part of Plaintiff's claim under English law.

14. Plaintiff estimates, as nearly as can be computed, that the legal expenses and costs of prosecuting the claim in London will be \$300,000 and interest on the sums claimed is estimated to be \$351,377 (calculated at the rate of 7% for a period of two years, the estimated time for completion of the proceedings in London).

### Request for Rule B Relief

15. Upon information and belief, and after investigation, Defendant cannot be "found" within this District for the purpose of Rule B of the Supplemental Rules of Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, but Plaintiff is informed that Defendant has, or will shortly have, assets within this District comprising, *inter alia*, cash, funds, escrow funds, credits, debts, wire transfers, electronic funds transfers, accounts, letters of credit, freights, sub-freights, charter hire and/or sub-charter hire, of, belonging to, due or for the benefit of Defendant (collectively hereinafter, "ASSETS"), including but not limited to ASSETS in its name at, moving through, or being transferred and/or wired to or from banking institutions or such other garnishees who may be served with a copy of the Process of Attachment issued herein.

16. The total amount to be attached pursuant to the calculations set forth above is \$3,161,210.10.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff NOVOSHIP SHIPPING COMPANY prays:

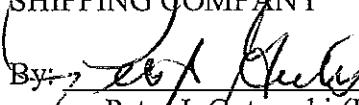
- a. That process in due form of law according to the practice of this Court may issue against Defendant citing it to appear and answer the foregoing;
- b. That if Defendant cannot be found within this District pursuant to Supplemental Rule B that all tangible or intangible property of Defendant up to and including \$3,161,210.10 be restrained and attached, including, but not limited to any cash, funds, escrow funds, credits, debts, wire transfers, electronic funds transfers, accounts, letters of credit, freights, sub-freights, charter hire and/or sub-charter hire, of, belonging to, due or being transferred from or for the benefit of Defendant (collectively hereinafter, "ASSETS"), including but not limited to such ASSETS as may be held, received, or transferred in its name or as may be held,

received or transferred for its benefit, at, through, or within the possession, custody or control of such banking institutions and/or any such other garnishees who may be served with a copy of the Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment issued herein;

- c. That this Court retain jurisdiction over the matter for any further or supplemental proceedings as may be necessary, including but not limited to an order directing and compelling the Defendant to arbitrate and subsequent recognition and enforcement of any award or judgment entered against the Defendant in the London proceedings; and
- d. For such other, further and different relief as this Court may deem just and proper in the premises.

Dated: New York, New York  
October 4, 2007

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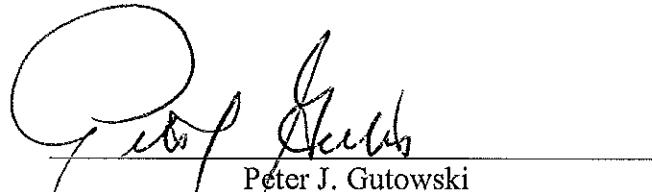
State of New York )  
                         ) ss.:  
County of New York )

PETER J. GUTOWSKI, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I am a partner with the law firm of Freehill Hogan & Mahar, LLP, attorneys for Plaintiff in this action, I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and know the contents thereof, and the same is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

2. The sources of my information and the grounds for my belief are communications, information and documentation provided by our client and/or by solicitors representing our client.

3. The reason this verification is made by an attorney and not by the Plaintiff is because the Plaintiff is a foreign entity, none of whose officers are presently within this Judicial District.



Peter J. Gutowski

Sworn to before me this  
4 day of September 2007  
*October*

HAZEL S. ROSENTHAL  
Notary Public

HAZEL S. ROSENTHAL  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 01RO4641178  
Qualified in Queens County  
Certified in New York County  
Commission Expires Dec. 31, 2010

EX. A

1. Date of Agreement JUNE 13, 2003	2. a. Name of Vessel (the "Vessel"): MT "GENERAL ZAMORA" EX AMITY  Flag: VENEZUELA
3. Owners (name and place of registered office (Cl.1)) SURAMERICANA DE TRANSPORTE PETROLERO, C.A. (as Bareboat Charterers)  Name AVENIDA FRANCISCO DE MIRANDA, EDIFICIO PARQUE CRISTAL, TORRE OESTE PISO 2, OFICINA 2-1 LOS PALOS GRANDES, CARACAS 1060 VENEZUELA  Place of registered office Caracas, Venezuela	4. Managers (name and place of registered office (Cl.1)) Novoship (UK) Ltd.  Name Watergate House 13-15 York Buildings London WC2N 6JU  Place of registered office London, England
5. Day and year of commencement of Agreement (Cl.2) ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2003	6. Crew management (state "yes" or "no" as agreed) (Cl.3.1) YES
7. Technical Management (state "yes" or "no" as agreed) (Cl.3.2) YES	8. Commercial Management (state "yes" or "no" as agreed) (Cl.3.3) NO  Agreed commission % flat on all hires and freights
9. Insurance Arrangements (state "yes" or "no" as agreed) (Cl.3.4(i)) NO  Agreed commission flat on all gross premium. Agreed collecting Commission flat of the amount of insurance claim agreed by Underwriter (Cl.3.4(ii))	10. Accounting Services (state "yes" or "no" as agreed) (Cl.3.5)  YES
11. Sale or purchase of the Vessel (state "yes" or "no" as agreed) (Cl.3.6)  NO  Agreed commission % flat on price of Vessel	12. Provisions (state "yes" or "no" as agreed) (Cl.3.7)  YES
13. Bunkering (state "yes" or "no" as agreed) (Cl.3.8)  NO  Agreed commission flat on all bunkers purchased	14. Chartering Services Period (only to be filled in if "yes" stated in Box 7) (Cl.3.3(i)) NO
15. Owners' Insurance (state alternative (i), (ii) or (iii) of Cl.6.3)  (ii)	16. Annual Management Fee (state annual amount) (Cl.8.1)  US\$ 150,000 PER ANNUM
17. Severance Costs (state maximum amount) (Cl.8.4(ii)) EQUIVALENT TO THREE (3) MONTHS SALARY INCLUDING OVERTIME, VACATION PAY AND OTHER GUARANTEED PAYMENTS	18. Advance Deposit (state "yes" or "no" as agreed) (Cl.10.1) YES If "yes" state amount of Advance Deposit: <u>USD 75,000.-</u>
19. Day and year of termination of Agreement (Cl.18)  31 <sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2004	20. Law and Arbitration (Cl.20) ENGLISH LAW LONDON ARBITRATION
21. Notices (state postal address, telephone and telefax number for serving notice and communication to the Owners) (Cl.21)  3020 MILITARY TRAIL, SUITE 100 BOCA RATON, FL 33431 TEL. (561) 999-9916 / FAX (561) 999-9506	22. Notices (state postal address, telephone and telefax number for serving notice and communication to the Managers) (Cl.21)  WATERGATE HOUSE 13-15 YORK BUILDINGS LONDON WC2N 6JU TEL: +44 (0)20 7747 9100 FAX: +44 (0)20 7747 9000

## STANDARD SHIP MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

## PART I

It is mutually agreed between the party stated in Box 3 and the party stated in Box 4 that this Agreement consisting of PART I and PART II as well as Annexes "A" (Details of Vessel), "B" (Details of Crew), "C" (Budget), "D" (Associated Vessels) and "E" (Additional Clauses) attached hereto, shall be performed subject to the conditions contained herein. In the event of a conflict of conditions, the provisions of PART I and Annexes "A", "B", "C", "D" and "E" shall prevail over those of PART II to the extent of such conflict but no further.

Signature(s) (Owners)  PRINT NAME: <i>Patrick J. Rooney</i> SHIPMAN/10699/REV01 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2003,	Signature(s) (Managers)  PRINT NAME: <i>V. Mikhailidou</i>
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Ex. A

## PART II

### Ship Management Agreement

#### 1. Definitions

In this Agreement save where the context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them.

*"Owners"* means the party identified in Box 3.

*"Managers"* means the party identified in Box 4.

*"Vessel"* means the vessel or vessels details of which are set out in Annex "A" attached hereto.

*"Crew"* means the Master, officers and ratings of the numbers, rank and nationality specified in Annex "B" attached hereto.

*"Crew Support Costs"* means all expense of a general nature which are incurred by the Managers for the purpose of providing an efficient and economic management service and, without prejudice to the generally of the foregoing, shall include the cost of medicals, crew standby pay, training schemes for officers and ratings, cadet training schemes, sick pay, study pay, recruitment and interviews.

*"Severance Costs"* means the costs which the Managers are legally obliged to pay to or in respect of the Crew as a result of the early termination of any employment contract for service on the Vessel.

*"Crew Insurances"* means insurances against crew risks which shall include but not be limited to death, sickness, repatriation, injury, shipwreck, unemployment indemnity and loss of personal effects.

*"Management Services"* means the services specified in sub-clauses 3.1 to 3.8 as indicated affirmatively in Boxes 6 to 15.

*"ISM Code"* means the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention as adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) by resolution A.741(18) or any subsequent amendment thereto.

*"STCW 95"* means the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended in 1995 or any subsequent amendment thereto.

#### 2. Appointment of Managers

With effect from the day and year stated in Box 5 and continuing unless and until terminated as provided herein, the Owners hereby appoint the Managers and the Managers hereby agree to act as the Managers of the Vessel.

#### 3. Basis of Agreement

Subject to the terms and conditions herein provided, during the period of this Agreement, the Managers shall carry out Management Services in respect of the Vessel as agents for and on behalf of the Owners. The Managers shall have authority to take such actions as they may from time to time in their absolute discretion consider to be necessary to enable them to perform this Agreement in accordance with sound ship management practice.

##### 3.1 (a) Crew Management

*(only applicable if agreed according to Box 6)*

The Managers shall provide suitably qualified Crew for the Vessel as required by the Owners in accordance with the STCW 95 requirements, provision of which includes but is not limited to the following functions:

(i) Selecting and engaging the Vessel's Crew, including payroll arrangements, pension administration, and insurances for the Crew other than those mentioned in Clause 6;

Ensuring that the applicable requirements of the law of the flag of the Vessel are satisfied in respect of Manning levels, rank, qualification and certification of the Crew and employment regulations including Crew's tax, social insurance, discipline and other requirements.

(iii) ensuring that all members of the Crew have passed a medical examination with a qualified doctor certifying that they are fit for the duties for which they are engaged and are in possession of valid medical certificates issued in accordance with appropriate flag State requirements. In the absence of applicable flag State requirements the medical certificate shall be dated not more than three months prior to the respective Crew members leaving their country of domicile and maintained for the duration of their service on board the Vessel;

(iv) arranging transportation of the Crew including repatriation training of the Crew and supervising their efficiency;

(v) conducting Union negotiations;

(vi) implementing the Managers' drug and alcohol policy unless otherwise agreed.

3.1(b) The Owners may upon reasonable notice request the Managers to transfer and/or replace any personnel. The Managers will comply with the Owner's request at the first practical opportunity. The Managers may transfer or replace any personnel at its exclusive discretion, always considering minimal costs for the Owners. The Managers shall be subrogated to all rights of the crew against the Vessel and the Owners for all wages, travel related expenses and other employment benefits paid by the Managers.

##### 3.2 Technical Management

*(only applicable if agreed according to Box 7)*

The Managers shall provide technical management which includes, but is not limited to, the following functions:

(i) provision of competent personnel to supervise the maintenance and general efficiency of the Vessel;

(ii) arrangement and supervision of dry dockings, repairs, alterations and the upkeep of the Vessel to the standards

required by the Owners provided that the Managers shall be entitled to incur the necessary expenditure to ensure that the Vessel will comply with the law of the flag of the Vessel and of the places where she trades, and all requirements and recommendations of the classification society;

(iii) arrangement of the supply of necessary stores, spares and lubrication oil;

(iv) appointment of surveyors and technical consultants as the Managers may consider from time to time to be necessary;

(v) development, implementation and maintenance of an onboard Safety Management System (SMS) in accordance with the ISM Code (see sub-clauses 4.2 and 5.3);

#### 3.3 Commercial Management

*(only applicable if agreed according to Box 8)*

The Managers shall provide the commercial operation of the Vessel, as required by the Owners, which includes, but is not limited to, the following functions:

(i) providing chartering services in accordance with the Owners' instructions which include, but are not limited to, seeking and negotiating employment for the Vessel and the conclusion (including the execution thereof) of charter parties or other contracts relating to the employment of the Vessel. If such a contract exceeds the period stated in Box 14, consent thereto in writing shall first be obtained from the Owners;

(ii) arranging of the proper payment to Owners or their nominees of all hire and/or freight revenues or other moneys of whatsoever nature to which Owners may be entitled arising out of the employment or otherwise in connection with the Vessel;

(iii) providing voyage estimates and accounts and calculations of hire, freights, demurrage and/or dispatch moneys due from or due to the charterers of the Vessel;

(iv) issuing of vessel instructions;

(v) appointing agents;

(vi) appointing stevedores;

(vii) arranging surveys associated with the commercial operation of the vessel.

#### 3.4 Insurance Arrangements

*(only applicable if agreed according to Box 9)*

The Managers shall:

(i) arrange insurances in accordance with Clause 6, on such terms and conditions as the Owners shall have instructed or agreed, in particular regarding conditions, insured values, deductibles and franchises;

(ii) prepare all the insurance average (particular and general) salvage and other marine claims in connection to the Vessel and will submit a statement of costs and expenses to the Owners for review in order for the Managers to submit to the underwriters for settlement.

The Managers, at their discretion may appoint average adjuster(s) and other professional adjusters when such services are appropriate and whenever possible, in conjunction with the Owner, who shall not unreasonably delay or withhold its approval to such appointment.

#### 3.5 Accounting Services

*(only applicable if agreed according to Box 10)*

The Managers shall:

(i) establish an accounting system which meets the requirements of the Owners and provide regular accounting services, supply regular reports and records;

(ii) maintain the records of all costs and expenditure incurred as well as data necessary or proper for the settlement of accounts between the parties.

#### 3.6 Sale or Purchase of the Vessel

*(only applicable if agreed according to Box 11)*

The Managers shall in accordance with the Owners' instructions, supervise the sale or purchase of the Vessel, including the performance of any sale or purchase agreement.

#### 3.7 Provisions *(only applicable if agreed according to Box 12)*

The Managers shall arrange for the supply of provisions.

#### 3.8 bunkering *(only applicable if agreed according to Box 13)*

The Managers shall at Owners' expense arrange for the provision of bunker fuel of the quality specified by the Owners as required for the Vessel's trade.

#### 4. Managers' Obligations

4.1 The Managers undertake to use their best endeavors to provide the agreed Management Services as agents for and on behalf of the Owners in accordance with sound ship management practice and to protect and promote the interest of the Owners in all matters relating to the provision of services hereunder.

Provided, however, that the Managers in the performance of their management responsibilities under this Agreement shall be entitled to have regard to their overall responsibility in relation to all vessels as may from time to time be entrusted to their Management and in particular, but without prejudice to the generally of the foregoing, the Managers shall be entitled to allocate available supplies, manpower and services in such manner as in the prevailing circumstances the Managers in their absolute discretion consider to be fair and reasonable.

4.2 Where the Managers are providing Technical Management in accordance with sub-clause 3.2, they shall ensure that the requirements of the law of the flag of the Vessel are satisfied and

*R. J. Jones*

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## PART II Ship Management Agreement

5. Owners' Obligations	195	above.	284
5.1 The Owners shall pay all sums due to the Managers punctually in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.	196	8.2 The Management Fee shall be subject to an annual review on the anniversary date of the Agreement and the proposed fee shall be presented in the annual budget referred to in sub-clause 9.1.	285
5.2 Where the Managers are providing Technical Management in accordance with sub-clause 3.2, the Owners shall:	198	8.3 The Managers shall, at no extra cost to the Owners, provide their own office accommodation, office staff, facilities and stationery. Without limiting the generality of Clause 7 the Owners shall reimburse the Managers for delivery and communication expenses, travelling expenses, and other out of pocket expenses properly incurred by the Managers in pursuance of the Management Services.	286
(i) ensure that all officers and ratings supplied by them or on their behalf comply with the requirements of STCW 95;	201	8.4 In the event of the appointment of the Managers being terminated by the Owners or the Managers in accordance with the provisions of Clauses 18 and 19 other than by reason of default by the Managers, the "Management Fee" payable to the Managers according to the provisions of sub-clause 8.1, shall continue to be payable for a further period of three calendar months from the termination date. In addition, provided that the Managers provide Crew for the Vessel in accordance with sub-clause 3.1	287
(ii) Instruct such officers and ratings to obey all reasonable orders of the Managers in connection with the operation of the Managers' SMS.	204	(i) the Owners shall continue to pay Crew Support Costs during the said further period of three calendar months;	288
5.3 Where the Managers are not providing Technical Management in accordance with sub-clause 3.2, the Owners shall ensure that the requirements of the law of the flag of the Vessel are satisfied and that they, or such other entity as may be appointed by them and identified to the Managers, shall be deemed to be the "Company" as defined by the ISM Code assuming the responsibility for the operation of the Vessel and taking over the duties and responsibilities imposed by the ISM Code when applicable.	205	(ii) the Owners shall pay an equitable proportion of any Severance Costs which may materialize, not exceeding the amount stated in Box 17.	289
6. Insurance Policies	213	8.5 If the Owners decide to lay-up the Vessel whilst this Agreement remains in force and such lay-up lasts for more than three months, an appropriate reduction of the Management Fee for the period exceeding three months until one month before the Vessel is again put into service shall be mutually agreed between the parties.	290
The Owners shall ensure, whether by instructing the Managers under sub-clause 3.4 or otherwise, that throughout the period of this Agreement:	214	8.6 Unless otherwise agreed in writing all discounts and commissions obtained by the Managers in the course of the management of the Vessel shall be credited to the Owners, except volume discounts earned by the Managers and not directly attributable to the management of the Vessel.	291
1 at the Owners' expense, the Vessel is insured for not less than 100% of the market value or entered for her full gross tonnage, as the case may be for:	215	8.7 The Managers shall have a lien on the Vessel and its Income for all unpaid expenses associated with the Vessel, including, but not limited to crew costs and related travel expenses, Management Fees, the supply of necessities, spares, repairs, insurance premium or calls, technical or other services furnished to the Vessel and shall be subrogated to all rights of suppliers from whom supplies are ordered and delivered to the Vessel in any place(s) around the world.	292
(i) usual hull and machinery marine risks (including crew negligence) and excess liabilities on terms equivalent to the Institute Time Clauses - Hull 1.11.95	220	9. Budgets and Management of Funds	293
(ii) protection and indemnity risks (including pollution risks, diversion expenses and Crew Insurances); and	223	9.1 The Managers shall present to the Owners annually a budget for the following twelve months in such form as the Owners require. The budget for the first year hereof is set out in Annex "C" hereto. Subsequent annual budgets shall be prepared by the Managers and submitted to the Owners not less than two months prior to the end of each calendar year.	294
(iii) war risks (including protection and indemnity and crew risks).	226	9.2 The Owners shall indicate to the Managers their acceptance and approval of the annual budget within one month of presentation and in the absence of any such indication the Managers shall be entitled to assume that the Owners have accepted the proposed budget.	295
In accordance with the best practice of a prudent owner of vessels of a similar type to the Vessel, with first class insurance companies, underwriters or associations ("the Owners' Insurances");	227	9.3 Following the agreement of the budget, the Managers shall prepare and present to the Owners their estimate of the working capital requirement of the Vessel and the Managers shall each month up-date this estimate. Based thereon, the Managers shall each month request the Owners in writing for the funds required to run the Vessel for the ensuing month (the "Funding Request") including the payment of any occasional or extraordinary item of expenditure, such as emergency repair costs, additional insurance premiums, bunkers or provisions. Such funds shall be received by the Managers within ten running days after the receipt by the Owners of the Managers' written Funding Request and shall be held by the Managers to the credit of the Owners in a separate bank account for the Vessel.	296
6.2 all premiums and calls on the Owners' Insurances are paid promptly by their due date.	228	9.4 The Managers shall produce a comparison between budgeted and actual expenditure of the Vessel in such form as required by the Owners monthly or at such other intervals as mutually agreed.	297
6.3 the Owners' Insurances name the Managers and, subject to underwriters' agreement, any third party designated by the Managers as a joint assured, with full cover, with the Owners obtaining cover in respect of each of the insurances specified in sub-clause 6.1	229	9.5 Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Managers shall in no circumstances be required to use or commit their own funds to finance the provision of any of the Management Services.	298
(i) on terms whereby the Managers and any such third party are liable in respect of premiums or calls arising in connection with the Owners' Insurances; or	230	10. Advance Deposit	299
(ii) if reasonably obtainable, on terms such that neither the Managers nor any such third party shall be under any liability in respect of premiums or calls arising in connection with the Owners' Insurances; or	231	10.1 Prior to the commencement of this Agreement the Owners shall place a deposit with the Managers (the Advance Deposit) the amount which shall be agreed between the Managers and the Owners, but in any event, shall not be less than the equivalent of thirty (30) times the budgeted daily operating expenses (as may be amended from time to time) as indicated in the Managers' Budget found in Annex "C" attached hereto.	300
(iii) on such other terms as may be agreed in writing.	232	10.2 In the event of any non-payment by the Owners of any sum due under this Agreement, the Managers are entitled (but not obligated) to apply the Advance Deposit against any such expenses or monies due in which case the Owners shall, upon notice of such application, immediately deposit such additional monies as may be necessary to maintain the Advance Deposit in its agreed amount prior to such application.	301
Indicate alternative (i), (ii) or (iii) in Box 15. If Box 15 is left blank then (iii) applies.	233	10.3 The Owners' obligation to maintain the Advance Deposit in the agreed amount is separate and distinct from the Owners' obligations to make prompt payments when due of all amounts	302
6.4 written evidence is provided, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Managers, of the Owner's compliance with their obligations under this Clause 6 within a reasonable time of the commencement of the Agreement, and of each renewal date and, if specifically requested, of each payment date of the Owners' Premium and/or call for the insurances.	234		303
7. Income Collected and Expenses Paid on Behalf of Owners	253		304
7.1 All moneys collected by the Managers under the terms of this Agreement (other than moneys payable by the Owners to the Managers) and any interest thereof shall be held to the credit of the Owners in a separate bank account.	254		305
7.2 All expenses incurred by the Managers under the terms of this Agreement on behalf of the Owners (including expenses as provided in Clause 8) may be debited against the Owners from the account referred to under sub-clause 7.1 but shall in any event remain payable by the Owners to the Managers on demand.	255		306
7.3 It is acknowledged that the Managers furnish the goods and services on the credit of the Vessel and that this Agreement should not be considered as a joint venture between the Managers and the Owners.	256		307
8. Management Fee	268		308
8.1 The Owners shall pay to the Managers for their services as Managers under this Agreement an annual management fee as stated in Box 16 which shall be payable by equal installments monthly in advance, the first installment being payable on the commencement of this Agreement (see Clause 2 and Box 5) and subsequent installments being payable every month. The Management Fee is a net amount payable to the Managers in the London or any other place designated by the Managers without set-off or deduction and shall be payable in the lawful currency of the United States, free and clear of any withholding tax, other taxes, levies, dues, etc. In the event that any such taxes or levies are enforced which reduce the Management Fee received by the Managers, then the Owners shall promptly pay such additional amounts as are necessary to ensure that the Management Fee received by the Managers is the full Management Fee described	269		309
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due under this Agreement.

10.4 Upon the termination of this Agreement, the Managers shall be entitled (but not obligated) to apply against the Advance Deposit any and all expenses then outstanding, actual, contingent or otherwise. After the application of such expenses and the payment of all outstanding fees and expenses due to the Managers, the Managers shall return to the Owners any remaining balance in the Advance Deposit.

#### 11. Managers' Right to Sub-Contract

The Managers shall have the right to sub-contract any of their obligations hereunder, including those mentioned in sub-clause 3.1, without the prior written consent of the Owners. In the event of such a sub-contract the Managers will not be responsible for the negligent act or default of the sub-contractor unless the Managers fail to exercise due care in the appointment and supervision of such sub-contractor.

#### 12. Responsibilities

12.1 Force Majeure - Neither the Owners nor the Managers shall be under any liability for any failure to perform any of their obligations hereunder by reason of any cause whatsoever of any nature or kind beyond their reasonable control.

12.2 Liability to Owners - (I) Without prejudice to sub-clause

12.1, the Managers shall be under no liability whatsoever to the Owners for any loss, damage, delay or expense of whatsoever nature; whether direct or indirect. (Including but not limited to loss of profit arising out of or in connection with detention of or delay to the Vessel) and howsoever arising in the course of

performance of the Management Services UNLESS same is proved to have resulted solely from the gross negligence or willful default of the Managers or their employees, or agent employed by them in connection with the Vessel, in which case (save where loss, damage, delay or expense has resulted from the Managers' personal act or omission committed with the intent to cause same or recklessly and with knowledge that such loss, damage, delay or expense would probably result) the Manager's liability for each incident or series of incidents giving rise to a claim or claims shall never exceed a total of ten times the annual Management Fee payable hereunder.

(II) Notwithstanding anything that may appear to the contrary in this Agreement, the Managers shall not be liable for any of the actions of the Crew, even if such actions are negligent, grossly negligent or willful, except only to the extent that they are shown to have resulted from a failure by the Managers to discharge their obligations under sub-clause 3.1, in which case their liability shall be limited in accordance with the terms of this Clause 12.2.

12.3 Indemnity - Except to the extent and solely for the amount therein set out that the Managers would be liable under sub-clause 12.2, the Owners hereby undertake to keep the Managers and their employees, agents and sub-contractors indemnified and to hold them harmless against all actions, proceedings, claims, demands or liabilities whatsoever or howsoever arising which may be brought against them or incurred or suffered by them arising out of or in connection with the performance of the Agreement, and against and in respect of all costs, losses, damages and expenses (including legal costs and expenses on a full indemnity basis) which the Managers may suffer or incur (either directly or indirectly) in the course of the performance of this Agreement.

12.4 "Himalaya" - It is hereby expressly agreed that no employee agent of the Managers (including every sub-contractor from time to time employed by the Managers) shall in any circumstances whatsoever be under any liability whatsoever to the Owners for any loss, damage or delay of whatsoever kind arising or resulting directly or indirectly from any act, neglect or default on his part while acting in the course of or in connection with his employment and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions in this Clause 12, every exemption, limitation, condition and liberty herein contained and every right, exemption from liability, defense and immunity of whatsoever nature applicable to the Managers or to which the Managers are entitled hereunder shall also be available and shall extend to protect every such employee or agent of the Managers and/or such sub-contractors acting as aforesaid and for the purpose of all the foregoing provisions of this Clause 12 the Managers and/or sub-contractors are or shall be deemed to be acting as agent or trustee on behalf of and for the benefit of all persons who are or might be their servants or agents from time to time (including sub-contractors as aforesaid) and all such persons shall to this extent be or be deemed to be parties to this Agreement.

#### 13. Documentation

13.1 Where the Managers are providing Technical Management in accordance with sub-clause 3.2 and/or Crew Management in accordance with sub-clause 3.1, they shall make available, upon Owners' request, all documentation and records related to the Safety Management System (SMS) and/or the Crew which the Owners need in order to demonstrate compliance with the ISM Code and STCW 95 or to defend a claim against a third party.

13.2 All of the Managers' ISM system(s) on board the Vessel are the property of the Managers. These systems include the SMS, software, which may be held in the form of files, binders, forms, circulars, manuals, handbooks, contracts, etc. No copies of the systems shall be taken by the Owners. However if requirements necessitate such systems being copied for or shown to the Owners, in whole or in part, the Owners will not utilize such information for any other purpose than the control of the Vessel while it remains under the Managers' management.

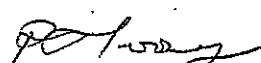
	14. General Administration	473
379	14.1 The Managers shall handle and settle all claims arising out of the Management Services hereunder and keep the Owners informed regarding any incident of which the Managers become aware which gives or may give rise to claims or disputes involving third parties.	474
380	14.2 The Managers shall, as instructed by the Owners, bring or defend actions, suits or proceedings in connection with matters entrusted to the Managers according to this Agreement.	475
381	14.3 The Managers shall also have power to obtain legal or technical or other outside expert advice in relation to the handling and settlement of claims and disputes or all other matters affecting the interests of the Owners in respect of the Vessel.	476
382	14.4 The Owners shall arrange for the provision of any necessary guarantee bond or other security.	477
383	14.5 Any costs reasonably incurred by the Managers in carrying out their obligations according to Clause 14 shall be reimbursed by the Owners.	478
384	14.6 For a period of twelve (12) months following expiry or termination of this Agreement, neither the Owners nor any of their affiliates or subsidiaries will employ any person who, as an employee of the Managers or any sub-contractor, had participated in the management, superintendence, operation, accounting, crewing or chartering of the Vessel pursuant to this Agreement.	479
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	15. Auditing	497
	The Managers shall at all times maintain and keep true and correct accounts and shall make the same available for inspection and auditing by the Owners at such time as may be mutually agreed provided that no audit may be requested later than two (2) years after the end of the Managers' fiscal year. On the termination, for whatever reasons, of this Agreement, the Managers shall release to the Owners, if so requested, the originals where possible, or otherwise certified copies, of all such accounts and all documents specifically relating to the Vessel and her operation.	498
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	16. Inspection of Vessel	507
	The Owners shall have the right at any time after giving reasonable notice to the Managers to inspect the Vessel for any reason they consider necessary.	508
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	17. Compliance with Laws and Regulations	511
	In relation to the Vessel, the Managers will not do or permit to be done anything which might cause any breach or infringement of the laws and regulations of the Vessel's flag, or of the places where she trades.	512
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	18. Duration of the Agreement	517
	This Agreement shall come into effect on the day and year stated in Box 5 and shall continue until the date stated in Box 19. Thereafter it shall continue until terminated by either party giving to the other notice in writing, in which event the Agreement shall terminate upon the expiration of a period of three months from the date upon which such notice was given.	518
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	19. Termination	523
	19.1 Owners' default	524
	(I) The Managers shall be entitled to terminate the Agreement with immediate effect by notice in writing if:	525
	(a) Any monies payable by the Owners under this Agreement and/or by the Owners of any Associated Vessel, details of which are listed in Annex "D", shall not have been received in the Managers' nominated account within seven running days of receipt by the Owners of the Managers' written demand for payment; or	526
	(b) The Vessel is repossessed or arrested by the Mortgagee, or	527
	(c) at any time the Owners should take or omit to take any action or steps that prejudice or are likely to prejudice the Vessel's Safety Management Certificate ("SMC") or the Managers' Document of Compliance ("DOC").	528
	(II) If the Owners:	529
	(a) Fail to meet their obligations under sub-clauses 5.2 and 5.3 of this Agreement for any reason within their control, or	530
	(b) proceed with the employment of or continue to employ the Vessel in the carriage of contraband, blockade running, or in an unlawful trade, or on a voyage which in the reasonable opinion of the Managers is unduly hazardous or improper, or	531
	(c) materially breach their obligations under this Agreement.	532
	the Managers may give notice to the Owners requiring them to remedy the situation. In the event that the Owners fail to remedy the situation to the satisfaction of the Managers, within seven running days, the Managers shall be entitled to terminate the Agreement with immediate effect by notice in writing.	533
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	19.2 Managers' Default	535
	If the Managers fail to meet their obligations under Clauses 3 and 4 of this Agreement for any reason within the control of the Managers, the Owners may give notice to the Managers of the default, requiring them to remedy it as soon as practically possible. In the event that the Managers fail to remedy it within a reasonable time to the satisfaction of the Owners, the Owners shall be entitled	536
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to terminate the Agreement with immediate effect by notice in writing.	565	The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the LMAA Small Claims Procedure current at the time when the arbitration proceedings are commenced.	629
19.3 Extraordinary Termination	566		630
This Agreement shall be deemed to be terminated in the case of the sale of the Vessel or if the Vessel becomes a total loss or is declared as a constructive compromise or arranged total loss or is requisitioned.	567		631
19.4 For the purpose of sub-clause 19.3 hereof:	568		
(i) the date upon which the Vessel is to be treated as having been sold or otherwise disposed of shall be the date on which the Owners cease to be registered as Owners of the Vessel;	570	21. Notices	632
(ii) the Vessel shall not be deemed to be lost unless either she has become an actual total loss or agreement has been reached with her underwriters in respect of her constructive, compromised or arranged total loss or if such agreement with her underwriters is not reached it is adjudged by a competent tribunal that a constructive loss of the Vessel has occurred.	571	21.1 Any notice to be given by either party to the other party shall be in writing and may be sent by courier, fax, telex, registered, recorded or certified mail or by personal service.	633
19.5 This Agreement shall terminate forthwith in the event of an order being made or resolution passed for the winding up, dissolution, liquidation or bankruptcy of either party (otherwise than the purpose of reconstruction or amalgamation) or if a receiver is appointed, or if it suspends payment, ceases to carry on business or makes any special arrangement or composition with its creditors.	572	21.2 The address of the Parties for Service of such communication shall be as stated in Boxes 21 and 22, respectively.	634
19.6 The termination of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to all rights accrued between the parties prior to the date of termination.	573	21.3 Notices are effective upon receipt, and if received within normal business hours at the place of the party so served. Otherwise upon the opening of the next business day at the place of the party to be served.	635
19.7 Following any event terminating this Agreement, within 30 days, the Managers will provide a statement detailing the amounts owed to/by the Managers by/to the Owners including all unpaid fees and commissions for Management Services. This statement will also include cost estimates of all items purchased or expensed, their transportation expenses as well as any Severance Costs and crew repatriation expense. Such accounting statements to be settled by the party owing monies within 30 days of receipt.	574		636
20. Law and Arbitration	575		637
This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be referred to arbitration in London in accordance with the Arbitration Act 1996 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof save to the extent necessary to give effect to the provision of this Clause.	576		638
The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA) Terms current at the time when the arbitration proceedings are commenced.	577		639
The reference shall be to three arbitrators. A party wishing to refer a dispute to arbitration shall appoint its arbitrator and send notice of such appointment in writing to the other party requiring the other party to appoint its own arbitrator within 14 calendar days of that notice and stating that it will appoint its arbitrator as sole arbitrator unless the other party appoints its own arbitrator and gives notice that it has done so within the 14 days specified. If the other party does not appoint its own arbitrator and give notice that it has done so within the 14 days specified, the party referring a dispute to arbitration may, without the requirement of any further prior notice to the other party, appoint its arbitrator as sole arbitrator and shall advise the other party accordingly. The award of sole arbitrator shall be binding on both parties as if he had been appointed by agreement.	578		640
Nothing herein shall prevent the parties agreeing in writing to vary these provisions to provide for the appointment of a sole arbitrator. In cases where neither the claim nor any counterclaim exceeds the sum of USD50,000 (or other such sum as the parties may agree)	579		641
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## Annexes:

"A" (Details of Vessel)	YES ✓	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
"B" (Details of Crew)	YES ✓	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
"C" (Budget)	YES ✓	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
"D" (Associated Vessels)	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO ✓
"E" (Additional Clauses)	YES ✓	NO <input type="checkbox"/>




**ANNEX "A" (DETAILS OF VESSEL OR VESSELS)**

Date of Agreement: JUNE 13, 2003

Name of Vessel(s): MT "GENERAL ZAMORA" EX AMITY

Particulars of Vessel(s): VESSEL TYPE: DOUBLE HULL OIL TANKER

IMO # 9007788  
YEAR OF BUILT: 1993  
CLASS: LLOYDS REGISTER

GROSS TONNAGE: 39,036  
NET TONNAGE: 20,208  
DEADWEIGHT: 68,707

LENGTH: 226.25 MTS.  
BREADTH: 32.2 MTS.  
DEPTH: 19.6 MTS.

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## ANNEX "B" (DETAILS OF CREW)

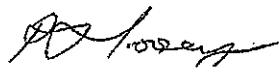
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Details of Crew:

Numbers	Rank	Nationality
1	Master	Venezuelan
1	Chief Officer	Venezuelan
1	2/Officer	Venezuelan
2	3/Officer	Venezuelan
1	Chief Engineer	Venezuelan
1	2/Engineer	Venezuelan
1	3/Engineer	Venezuelan
1	4/Engineer	Venezuelan
1	Electrical Officer	Venezuelan
1	Bosun	Venezuelan
1	Pumpman	Venezuelan
1	Engine Fitter	Venezuelan
3	Able Seamen	Venezuelan
3	Ordinary Seamen	Venezuelan
3	Oilers / Motormen	Venezuelan
1	Wiper	Venezuelan
1	Cook	Venezuelan
1	2/Cook	Venezuelan
1	Mess man	Venezuelan

- Total 26 crew on board. Plus additional and/or different ranks as the Owners may require or the Managers decide as circumstances dictate.
- Manning levels are subject to review based on efficiency and productivity observed.
- Manning budget is subject to change if in any event local Venezuelan regulations are modified.




**ANNEX "C" (REGULAR BUDGET & IRREGULAR BUDGET)**

Date of Agreement: JUNE 13, 2003

Manager's Budget is based on there being an alongside repair period soon after the Commencement Date of this Agreement at which the most serious items addressed in the initial inspection will be addressed. Manager's Budget does not allow for correction of items planned for the alongside repair period.

Manager's Budget for the first year with effect from the Commencement Date of this Agreement:

**CERTIFICATION**

665110	SURVEYS	35800
665120	OIL CO APPROVAL	33500
706170	VESSEL REGISTRATION	25000
665130	OPA90ISM	12800
665140	BUNKER ANALYSIS	7000
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>114100</b>

**REPAIRS**

665210	RADIO	5000
665215	NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT	7250
665220	SOLAS	15150
665230	CARGO EQUIPMENT	6500
665235	DECK MACHINERY	2000
665240	MAIN ENGINE	16500
665250	AUX ENGINES	4500
665260	BOILERS	5000
665270	PUMPS	10000
665275	AUX MACHINERY	0
665280	ELECTRICAL	3500
665285	ACCOMMODATION	1250
665290	STRUCTURE	11000
665295	RIDING CREWS	5000
665296	SUPERVISION & TRAVEL	20000
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>112650</b>

**SPARES**

665310	RADIO	1250
665315	NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT	2500
665320	SOLAS	14000
665330	CARGO EQUIPMENT	16500
665335	DECK MACHINERY	15500
665340	MAIN ENGINE	35250
665350	AUX ENGINES	31850
665360	BOILERS	6500
665370	PUMPS	20750
665375	AUX MACHINERY	23000
665380	ELECTRICAL	1250
665385	ACCOMMODATION	5000
665390	STRUCTURE	5000
665395	FREIGHT & FORWARDING	40000
665396	AGENCY FEES	10000
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>228350</b>

*As per annex*

*S. J. Smith*

## STORES

635310	LUB OIL & GREASE	142600
635320	CHIEF OFFICER	28000
635325	P.P.E.	10000
635330	CHIEF ENGINEER	32000
635340	CHIEF COOK	8000
635360	CHARTS	8371
635380	PAINT	17500
635390	CHEMICALS	13100
635395	GASES	8000
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SUB TOTAL		267571

## MISCELLANEOUS

696070 COMPUTERS / SOFTWARE SUPPORT 6500

SUB TOTAL 6500

COMMUNICATIONS . 27500

SUB TOTAL 27500

#### MANAGEMENT EXPENSES

MANAGEMENT FEE 150000  
STATIONARY 2000

SUB TOTAL 152000

GRAND TOTAL 908671

DAILY RUNNING COSTS (Technical) 2490

P&I INSURANCE  
H&M INSURANCE  
COFRs  
MORTGAGE INSURANCE  
US \$200MIO

SUB TOTAL 0

CREW 881650

## MICELLANEOUS

BANK CHARGES 3000  
EXCH. VARIANCE 2500

SUB TOTAL 5500

DAILY RUNNING COSTS (Total) 4920

Dr. Forney

*John G. Johnson*

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ANNEX "D" (ASSOCIATED VESSELS) TO

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NOTE: PARTIES SHOULD BE AWARE THAT BY COMPLETING THIS ANNEX "D" THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUB-CLAUSE 19.1(l)(a) OF THIS AGREEMENT.

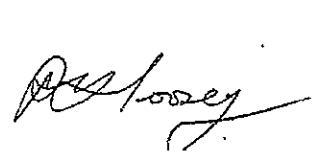
Date of Agreement:

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Details of Associated Vessel:

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**ANNEX "E" (ADDITIONAL CLAUSES)**

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**3.1 Crew Management**

The clause starting 'The Manager shall be subrogated..' on lines 83 – 86 to be deleted.

**3.2 Technical Management**

Insert (vi) after (v) at line 109. Quote: (vi) as and when required by the Owners, the Managers will request a vetting inspection (s) from any specified oil major. Unquote

**3.5 Accounting Services**

Insert at end line 161. Quote: Such records and accounts shall be reflected in a separate set of accounts in the name of the Owners and/or the Vessel. Unquote

Insert new sub-clause (iii) at line 162. Quote: (iii) The Managers shall provide the Owners with a copy of all invoices, vouchers and other documentation and information relating to the said accounting records as may be reasonably required, within 45 days of the reported month-end. Unquote.

**8. Management Fee**

Insert in sub-clause 8.3 at line 292 after "traveling expenses" Quote: ,attendance fees, insurance claim handling costs Unquote

In line 300, delete the word "three" and replace with "two" so as to read "two calendar months".

**9. Budgets and Management of Funds**

Insert in line 331 after "require.", the following new wording. Quote: The Manager will submit additional budgets for irregular and extraordinary items as and when required in addition to annual budget.

The existing sentence in line 331 after "require" to be changed to read Quote The budget for the first 12 month period as presented in Annex 'C' hereto will be adjusted by mutual agreement to cover the balance of the calendar year from the commencement date. Unquote.

9.2 In line 336 delete "one month" and replace with "fifteen days".

9.3 Insert at end line 352. Quote: The Managers will open an account in the Vessel's name at Fortis Bank BV Rotterdam (or any other bank as maybe advised from time to time by the Managers). The Managers will not use any funds deposited into this account by the Owners other than to pay for expenses and fees incurred in line with this Ship Management Agreement. Unquote.

End of Additional Clauses

